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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 January 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 04/03/06.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date: ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to Applicant's application filed September 18, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "said contact sensing means" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kimchy et al. (WO 02/16965, hereafter Kimchy).

With respect to independent Claim 1, Kimchy discloses a radiation flux imaging system (Fig. 12) comprising: non-imaging radiation detection means 202; position sensing means 204, to detect the position and orientation of said radiation detection

means; processing means 212 to process position and orientation data from said position sensing means, the presence or absence of contact from contact sensing means (page 35 lines 26-30) and local radiation flux from said radiation detection means to determine the surface geometry of a surface to be imaged and the corresponding field of radiation flux (page 49 lines 12-18); and display means 214, to display said geometry and radiation flux field to a user.

With respect to Claim 2, Kimchy discloses a contact sensing means to detect contact of said radiation detection means with a surface to be imaged (page 35 lines 26-30).

With respect to Claim 3, Kimchy discloses processing means further includes means to identify positions corresponding to inadequate data collection, and means to communicate those positions to a user, in use (page 49 line 12 – page 50 line 18).

With respect to Claim 4, Kimchy discloses means to bias said radiation detection means away from a surface to be imaged, and processing means to calculate the depth of a radiation source below said surface to be imaged by comparison of the local radiation flux in the biased and unbiased positions (page 57 line 10 – page 58 line 16).

With respect to Claim 5, Kimchy discloses means to mark the surface to be imaged (page 49 lines 12-18).

With respect to Claim 7, Kimchy discloses the position sensing means comprises a plurality of position sensing means, fixed relative to each other, and the processing means further comprises means to compare the measured relative positions of the said

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plurality of position sensing means, thereby providing an identification of position measurement errors (page 45 line 6 – page 46 line 9).

With respect to Claim 8, Kimchy discloses the processing means identifies any radioactive source with an activity above a pre-set level and displays the position (s) of those/or that radioactive source (s) on the display means (page 23 line 10 – page 24 line 15).

With respect to Claim 9, Kimchy discloses the pre-set level is determined by the processing means and is a proportion of the activity level from the radioactive source with the highest activity level (page 48 line 3 and figs. 27a-g).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINDY VU whose telephone number is (571)272-8539. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Porta can be reached on 571-272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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